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We have investigated, and we now know why some of your mail was returned by the Postal Service- marked "Unknown".

The Postmaster at Palo Alto has ruled that Seahorse is a business, not a family. As such, all mail to staff members must be addressed: Ms. Staff Member, c/o Seahorse; or c/o POB 76; or simply to Occupant or Boxholder.

I have seemingly been singled out by the Postal Staff as a target for enforcing this decree; so if you sent mail to Pandora Reynolds di Lucca, POB 76, Palo Alto, Ca., 94302 - and had it returned - please be reassured that I am still here, on the staff. In future, if you take care to use the "care of" mark (c/o) my mail will reach me.

Thanks. And good luck!

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Feminist Reader:

If you've noted a change in the Masthead; don't be alarmed!

The "Feminist" has NOT been bought out by the Hughes Tool Company; and even though your old editorial staff has gone afar, I hope to keep up Pandora's good policy of equalitarianism.

Actually, this whole thing happened to us rather unexpectedly. Pandora, of course, is off on one of her interminable trips to the Antipodes - for her company. Nothing unusual in that!

But then, suddenly: Laura, who NEVER goes anywhere, had to go to Fiji! So, there we were.

All volunteers kindly take one step forward! So, here I am!

I hope my filling in for them does not ruin the publication! You shall be the final judges of that!

Since the last edition, we have had quite a lot of letters from all of you. I intend to feature some of the best of them in this issue.

I hope you find them as stimulating as I did.

Candace

ANNOUNCING OUR NEW DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Starting with this issue, we are shifting our emphasis to squarely support those of our women readers (of either sex) who are practicing bisexuals.

If you are not one of the women who has sent in her questionnaire: if you have no wish to contact or meet others; but are merely a casual reader - we now ask you to contribute to the expenses of the journal by donating $2.00 to the collective.

For those women who have a present need to contact others... whether merely to try out ideas on someone else; or for pressing matters of physical friendship, or sexual contact; the"feminist" continues to be funded for distribution to you free of charge.

So, if you have been procrastinating, please take this opportunity to send in the answers to Pandora's questionnaire, so we can do something about getting you in contact with others.

This is a journal for ACTIVE bisexual women. If we do not see some form of activity from you this year, whether in the form of letters to the editor or to others, scheduled events, news items, or published editorial text; you will be dropped from our mailing list.

We want to see some support from all of you to match the effort we put into this journal!

We urge those of you who can to sign up as area contact women. Our staff here, has only a limited ability to deal with all the correspondence that goes on... and we would sincerely welcome your sharing it with us.

Also, we are sure that many women in other parts of the country would prefer to write to someone in their own locality, where a face to face meeting might be possible, should things develop along those lines.

TO OUR TRANSEXUAL READERS

Although this journal is not primarily concerned with transexualism, we recognize that there are some women, and some men, in our contemporary society, whose projections of personality across the gender line are very sincere. Those of you who fall into this class, are welcome as contributors to EF, provided you can convince us of your commitment to your cross-gender role, and your sincerity as a person.

However, if you are merely a male-transvestite who has made no commitment to femininity - and who wants to make none - you may not ride on our apron strings. You are welcome to contribute as a male: but your status as a female is zero.

We know that there are several of you who are trying to get a free ride with the "Feminist"; but we advise you to come clean, and identify yourselves for what you really are.

Our transexual counselor is not stupid; your unmistakable handwriting style and methods of verbal expression will give you away. Better to come clean before you are barred as an undesireable!

A word to the wise is sufficient?

PANDORA's QUESTIONNAIRE

A. What genetic sex are you? (This means what sex were you born.) (A male-to-female transexual may be a woman now, but was not born female; therefore her answer to this question should be:male.)

B. Are you a practicing bisexual?

C. Are you interested in meeting both men and women?

1. Name. 2. Address. 3. Telephone. 4. Marital status. 5. Age. 6. I am primarily seeking friendship only (non-sexual), dating, selective promiscuity. 7. I am primarily heterosexual, bisexual, gay. 8. I wish to meet other women, men, couples... (you may specify any multiples here). 9. Age range you desire in your friends. 10. Approximate distance your friend may be away. 11. I belong to other feminist, sexual freedom groups (please specify). 12. I have an interest in meeting transexual or transgendered persons. (If so, which). 13. I am transexual or transgendered myself.

When answering please be sure to identify your answers by the question no.

OBSERVATION ON THE FREQUENCY OF BISEXUALITY.

Several of our correspondents have kindly given us comments on their experience with their reader's interest in bisexuality and bisexual experiences.

We bring you several selected comments here.

FROM LLOYD M. LEVIN
President ALL TOGETHER

"... bisexuality seems to be the subject we get the most inquiries from -"

ALL TOGETHER

Mail to ALL-TOGETHER, Suite 1416, 205 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606

FROM RUTH FALK.
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From Jerry Adam, P.M. Publishing (Modern Swinger Magazine) POB 126 Roselle, Ill., 60172.

Dear Pandora,

It's interesting to note that over 70% of the couples who are called swingers are in some way bi-sexual in nature. In most cases it's the wife, or the girl friend, who's bi. However, most go both ways.

FROM SALLY ANNE DOUGLAS
Publisher GEMINI ALTERNATIVE SOCIAL REGISTER.

My readers come to me for help in meeting others living alternative lifestyles, and, hence, are from alternative lifestyles themselves. Within this class of people more than 80% are practicing bisexuals... or closet cases who will be active bisexuals when they meet the right person.

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EDITORIAL

In this age of the ERA, when giant steps forward are being accomplished by most minority groups, it seems ridiculous to have to re-define the meaning of the word "Equalitarian": but this is just what we must do in this issue.

The feminist movement has made great inroads into the macho-dominated establishment, but is now in great danger of becoming a sexist, elite movement.

What we started to do was to become "equal" with the men, in all the spheres of life. What we are now in danger of doing is denying men their equal rights!

In this fight for equal rights, in the heat of battle, many people who should be friends find themselves heavily polarized by the fight.

Blacks, in their struggle for equality, trample down whites who are really on their side - just because their skins are white.

Women, who justifiably struggle to eliminate the macho strangle-hold on jobs, reject the help of feminist-males who desire to help the movement.

Feminist lesbian separatist women reject the efforts of married heterosexual feminist women.

Polarization is a fact of life, not only in the feminist movement (as documented by MS Magazine over the last years); but also in the gay movement (much polarization exists between gay men and gay women).

It would seem that POLARIZATION has now come to the bisexual movement!

We must do all we can to stop this from destroying the very fabric of what we weave.

If ever a movement had its roots firmly grounded in equalitarianism, the BISEXUAL movement should be the one.

Bisexual men and bisexual women are equally shunned by the gay and establishment society.

If the general acceptance of bisexuality,as a viable life style,is ever to come, it must be by virtue of a collective effort of BOTH bi-women and bi-men. Any polarization between us will destroy the whole credibility of the movement!

As you will read, many of our women feel that bisexuality is the exclusive property of women. In their view, bisexual men are non-entities!

Writers in the movement praise androgyny as the new lifestyle- but apparently only envision it for women!

We have to relax a little, and take stock of what we are doing.

Feminist men exist! Bisexual men exist!

If a woman has an inborne right to crop her hair and wear pants - then the men have the same right to let their hair grow and wear skirts!

Let's be very careful before we cast stones around here - lest they re-bound against our very selves!

We are paradoxically a majority in numbers but a minority in life-style acceptance. Apparently most people are latently bisexual, but only a few of us are willing to recognize this characteristic in ourselves!

To illustrate what I mean, I am re-printing some correspondence that took place this spring between Pandora and a young woman who is studying to be a law person.

I say this woman is being blatantly SEXIST!

What do you think?

From;
Women's Association
Law School
Golden Gate University
San Francisco, Ca.
7 April 1977

Dear Pandora,

Please remove me from your mailing list; I am not in need of the services of a referral service; rather, I was hoping to find a publication along the lines of Lesbian Connection (sic), something which would deal with the personal and political ramifications and implications of being bisexual in a society which just barely tolerates homosexuals, never mind people who can't make up their minds. I and several other bi women (who were in a bi women's rap group last year) in the law school here have found ourselves caught between the straight feminist politics on the one side, and the very-often radical lesbian, sometimes separatist politics on the other. I am not quite sure how you define "feminist", but I see no evidence of any concern with any matters which I or any of my friends at school would consider even remotely of feminist nature. If you want to run a matching service for transvestites, transexuals and men who are looking for a bi woman to "help my wife learn to express her sensuality" then by all means do so, but at least be honest

enough to label it as such. Calling a newsletter which reads like the personals in the Bay Guardian (sic) "The Equalitarian Feminist" is gross misrepresentation, and I feel ripped off. At least it didn't cost me more than a 13¢ stamp to find out. So thank you, Pandora, but I will decline your exceedingly generous offer to cut the registration fee if I act within 15 days; my problems are not ones of finding friends or sexual partners, but rather of how to handle the complications which arise from mixing or trying to relate simultaneously to friends or partners of different sexual orientations; and you are obviously going to be of no help there.

Very truly yours, (name withheld)

cc: Lesbian Connection

Dear Ms.(name withheld),

I have your letter dated 7th April, and postmarked 14th April, in which you indicated you felt "ripped-off" by EF.

May I point out to you that the material you received in exchange for your 13¢ stamp cost the collective about 50¢ to produce. In effect we "gave" it to you free; the stamp merely helped with the mailing to you.

However, if you feel so strongly about being "ripped-off" (a term in current vogue that I detest), you may retirn all the material you received, in good condition, and I will return your 13¢ stamp.

Your naive and bigoted letter seems, again, to have raised some very old issues that I thought I had buried years ago. Since you seem ignorant of them, I suppose other readers may need a reminder of what equalitarianism is all about.

I intend to use your letter as a "stalking horse" in my next editorial, to give some body to the argument. When I do this, if you have the courage of your convictions, you will give me permission to identify you, so that other readers can communicate with you directly.

It wouldn't surprise me if you received many 13¢ stamps from irate readers!

If I do not hear from you in the affirmative within the next ten days, I will assume you intend to "cop-out" (another contemporary idiom) and you will simply be identified as the Ms. advocate who requested her name withheld.

I look forward to your comment, (or the lack of it).

Yours for equalitarian bisexuality!

Pandora

Ed:

Needless to say, Ms. advocate did not reply further. After taking her pot shot at us, and the husbands who have the liberality to allow their wives some sexual fulfillment outside the narrow confines of the marital bed, she headed for cover.

However, having raised the issues, she might try to understand their implications!

From the sketchy information we have about the frequency of expressed bisexuality, it would appear that the highest visibility lies with the sexually liberated, or "swinging" couples. Certainly, a very high percentage of our readers are of this class.

Discounting the "heterosexual" wife who acts as a "shill" for a promiscuous husband, to try to keep her marriage intact, most of the visibly bisexual women are married to men.

Probably the next most frequent appearance is put in by the female "transvestite", who is alternately attracted to the feminine male-"transvestite", or to the feminine woman. Notwithstanding the medical profession's view that women transvestites do not exist, many such women are actively concerned with the success of the bi movement - as it is intimately related to their own freedom of expression.

As to the value of a "matching" service, my personal belief is that we can't exist in a vacuum. Meeting others who are of a like mind - talking, doing things together, holding out the hands of friendship - is what each of us needs most.

You can read some of the ideas other women have in these columns, but you can't know the depth of that unique individual until you meet her, and know her.

As long as I am editor, I will continue to stress the meeting factor. Let's leave most of the politics to the Ms. Advocates, and get on with the main problem: relating, with confidence to each other.

FROM HARRIET LEVE
San Francisco's BISEXUAL CENTER

Dear Editor,

Maggi and I would like you to print the enclosed letter to the editor (of the San Francisco Chronicle) that we wrote in response to the article in the "Chronicle" on Fe. 15, 1977.

I'm so glad to see the work that you are doing to help the bi community.

In sisterhood,
Harriet. 2022,
94111.

The Bisexual Center
POB 26227, Can Francisco, Ca.,
94126

February 15, 1977

Editor
San Francisco Chronicle
905 Mission Street
San Francisco CA 94103

Editor:

The article on the Bisexual Dance has done a disservice to both bi and gay persons. The article implies that all bi persons are only interested in sex. In fact, bi people are interested in many levels of communication with both sexes.

We want to improve relationships with gays and not alienate them with negative quotes taken out of context from a few people. We consider the gay community our allies because we both experience heterosexual oppression.

We want to get past being discounted by the population in general as only interested in casual sex with others. Bisexuality means more than sexual preference. It also includes lifestyle preferences like androgyny, feminism and humanism. Intimate friendships, sexually and platonically with both sexes without exploitation, are at the core of what the Bisexual Center hopes to actualize in the Bay Area community.

The article is a blatant example of using sexual sensationalism to exploit the bisexual movement.

Signed: Maggi Rubenstein
Harriet Leve
Co-Directors

REPRINTED FROM THE CHRONICLE
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1977

THAT LOVING SPIRIT AT THE BISEXUAL DANCE.

Readers who did not get issue No. 29, in which we re-printed the "Chron." story; may ask for a re-print. Please send a stamped and self-addressed envelope (SASE).

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BISEXUAL CENTER

On the 7th of February of this year, I wrote a letter to the Directors of the "Center" on behalf of the bisexual transexuals and transgenderists in the Bay Area.

Since not one of the Directors saw the need to reply, I can only assume that the "Center" does not care to be bothered by that great segment of bisexuals... a non-equalitarian posture reminiscent of the "Daughters of Bilitis".

Ed:

Ms. Douglas' letter is reproduced here in its entirety.

To: Harriet Leve, Maggi Rubenstein, Margo Rila, Hogie Wycoff, Gail Simpson.

Dear people:

Reading through the eleven pages, or so, of the material explaining the Center and its activities, which you kindly sent me at my request; I noticed references to the promotion of "androgeny"(sic) by Ms. Wycoff, and the "move towards social androgyny" by Ms. Simpson.

Nowhere did I see the words "transexualism, transgenderism or transvestism" used.

Am I to assume from this that the participation and contribution of this considerable segment of bisexuals is welcomed by the Center? Or is this omission a non-verbal attempt at maintaining exclusivity?

If you would be so kind as to reply, I would appreciate it very much.

Very truly yours, Sally Douglas

Definitions from: Webster's Third New International Dictionary (unabridged) 1965.

Androgyne(androgyn) 1. Hermaphrodite 2. (archaic) an effeminate man.

Androgynous. 1. having the characteristics of both sexes: being at once both male and female.

Hermaphrodite (Hermaphroditus, mythical son of Hermes and Aphrodite - who became joined in one body with the nymph Salmacis.) 1.a. An abnormal individual esp. among the higher vertebrates having both male and female reproductive organs. b. Homosexual... 3 : bisexual.

Bisexual. 1a. Hermaphroditic: possessing characters (as mental and behavioral qualities) typical of both sexes. b. having sexual desire commonly on an unconscious level for members of both sexes.

LETTERS FROM READERS

Dear EF Editor:

I have just received my first copy of your much-needed and informative Newsletter. GOD BLESS YOU FOR STARTING IT!! I plan to send a donation when I can scrape the dough together.

I had something happen to me a while ago that I think all bi-women should be made aware of. DO NOT WRITE TO OR SUPPORT LESBIAN CONNECTION! They are EXTREMELY ANTI-BISEXUAL. I wrote a letter to them which was printed by them in which I told why I am proud to be bi. They sent me a VERY NASTY letter, to tell me that bisexual women "are traitors", etc., etc.

Because there are not enough publications around to give bi-women some consciousness raising, we have to resort to reading fanatically anti-bi trash such as LESBIAN CONNECTION, and believe me, IT HURTS! I'm so grateful that we finally have a magazine JUST FOR US!! Goodbye, LESBIAN CONNECTION; WHO NEEDS YOU ANYMORE?! (You'd be amazed at how anti-bi most lesbian-separatists are!)

In the Spirit of the Bi-sexternial;
Sarah, Philadelphia.

Ed: The capitals are the authors'.

Confirming Sarah's position, we have the following communication from LC:

FROM THE AMBITIOUS AMAZONS.

Dear Editor,

Thanks for sending a copy of your publication to us.

In view of the fact that your publication is also geared towards men, we would prefer that you don't advertize (our journal) "Lesbian Connection".

I think you should be more clear in your advertising what your publication is, that is, mostly classified ads for women and men looking for lovers.

Beth, POB 811, East Lansing,
MI, 48823.

SUSAN NEEDS FRIENDS near Columbus Georgia.

Dear Pandora,

I was just sitting here thinking of you and thought I would write a few lines to you.

A lot has happened since I last wrote to you. Remember I told you how happy we were. Well, that has all changed - for me anyway. You see my girl had an old friend of hers here for a visit and sometime while she was here they got together. So now they are living across the street from me. But, I can take it if she is happy - that's all I want is to see her happy. I do hope you understand what I mean.

Now, I need to find some one else to talk to and get to be friends with. So, if you could find someone not too far away, please do.

I am 34 years old and have two teen age boys. But they know I am gay. It doesn't bother them at all. They know that I am happy living the way that I am.

Could you tell me if there are any gay clubs in Columbus, Ga. I only live 20 miles from there. So be a good girl and see what you can do for me, OK?

Hope to hear from you real soon.

Love, Susan.

Ed: Readers may contact Susan through me. Please be sure to send extra postage for forwarding on.

There are three gay clubs in Columbus:

C & G's, First Avenue at 14th St.
Deep Purple Lounge, 13th St. at Broadway.
New Fiesta Club, 15 - 14th St.

FROM INDIANAPOLIS

Dear Sisters,

I am really interested in your publication and want very much to learn more about meeting other bi's like myself.

I am white, 34 years old, 5'4" tall, 120 lbs., brown hair and green eyes.

I love to go both ways.

It's very hard to get thru to some sisters that you can be happy going both ways. I mean, some can and some can't.

Your loving sister,
Rose, 2059, 46222.

FROM HERA
A PHILADELPHIA WOMEN's PUBLICATION

Dear Women,

Please send me a review copy. We are interested in having an exchange subscription with you.... I'd like to see your publication. It sounds interesting, and is very much needed.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Judy for HERA
(Hera may be reached at 328 So. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19103.)

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FROM ARIZONA

Dear Pandora,

I read your newsletter with interest, but I must admit I have a few questions.

For instance: Is bisexuality the exclusive property of women? Or are men allowed to identify themselves as bisexual? Is TRUE, pure, feminine bisexuality the exclusive property of the un-married? Or are married women to be allowed to have as much personal stature (even if married to a man)? As in the feministmovement, somehow one gets the feeling that the married feminist woman is, somehow, a second class citizen.. no matter how hard she works for the cause. Is that concept to be carried over to the realm of bisexuality?

Feminism : is feminism the exclusive property of the lesbian feminist separatists? (We all have heard that the world would be a better place if all men were removed). Is feminism the exclusive property of women? Or, are men allowed to be supporters of equal rights and individuality for women? Is the feminist movement more pure being all woman?

What does feminine mean? Is a transexual female - living and working the life of a male - a male-woman or a female? If she(he) lives exclusively with a woman is she(he) a lesbian? (There are instances, on record, when such women were thrown out of the Daughters of Bilitis because they were too masculine.) Or is she(he) a male heterosexual?

Is there a borderline? i.e.: before the operation, she is a she; but after she is a he? And, of course, the terrible alternative: the feminine-male, who never can seem to make quite enough commitments to his own femininity to be

accepted as a genuine feminine person!

Poor soul! She(he) is accepted on face value, as long as the horrible truth is not brought out - then shunned on the grounds that she cheated by not telling. When the truth is that - had she told - she would have been shunned anyway!

(I assume, in all this, that bisexuality does mean that both sexes are involved. I fail to see how bisexuality and lesbianism can be identical.)

I would appreciate some comment on these questions by you, or other readers.

Thanks,

Sherrie Lee Mason

(I am a post-operative male-to female change to woman. I am particularly interested in the genetic woman's view of these questions.)

FROM LANETTA THOMAS, San Diego Sexual Freedom League.

Dear Sisters,

As you probably know we are involved in promoting sexual freedom. We do this through different legal situations, open house meetings, newsletters, position papers, special interest groups, parties and several other things.

Our club is very favorable towards TSs and TVs, as well as different types of sexual behavior. I am a transexual myself and get along quite well with the other members.

Sincerely yours,

Lanetta

Ed: For San Diego Readers, the SFL can be reached at: POB 0105, College Grove Station, San Diego, Ca., 92115; or dial (714) 262-2131.

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From Rose, Philadelphia.

Dear Candace:

Thank you for your interest in a club here; and I hope you (have) a lot of success. But I am really into a new found friend and lover right now; and would like the letter I sent you back, if it's OK....

I would still like to corrspond if I so desired, but I can't (receive mail) with a friend here! I can't get away with so much expected mail coming here now!

I hope you understand, and we we will keep in touch and I hope still be friends.

I just can't receive all the mail I would like, so I will have to just write if I intend to correspond.

Thank you.

A REPORT ON THE FEMINIST-REFERRAL PROGRAM by Louise McCarthy.

One aspect of this issue of polarization that concerns us all, in this issue, is the deep chasm that exists between feminist women, on the one hand; and men, who have taken the time and thought to raise their level of consciousness about the implications of the women's movement.

Many such men, in my experience, are of the temperment to want to be with a woman of equal stature, or may even have the desire, or need, to have the woman take the leading position in the woman-man relationship.

I believe feminist women have let their lesbian sisters blind them to the reality that many feminist men exist. Certainly, some of the progress enjoyed by the movement must have come about through the help of non-macho males.

For several years now, throughout the feminist press, it has been the fashion to point out how unsatisfactory the male is. Some writers have even specified some ideal, or other, for the new man they would like to see around.

However, having broached the theoretical, they have retreated into the arms of their women lovers, and have exhibited little desire to know if men have responded to their clarion call, or not.

To me, this is complete irresponsibility!

If women are really interested in non-sexist, supportive men, why aren't they seeking such men? When such men offer friendship, where are all the heterosexual feminist women?

Good question.

About a year ago, after some prodding by a few feminine, feminist, non-macho, non-sexist men, of my acquaintance: who, in their own words wished to find "a woman who could love me as my feminine self."., I began a program designed to help them carry such a message to interested feminist women.

Right off, I met a stonewall at the advertising offices of both the feminist and the establishment press.

Neither Ms. nor any daily newspaper would carry an ad announcing the existence of the feminist man. "Completely unsuitable"... even though Ms. doesn't mind carrying lesbian lonely hearts ads: and the establishment press runs ads for "escort services".

Ms. Magazine:

"Lesbian/Feminist - can reach others with confidentiality thru a national mini-magazine: The Wishing Well...."

"GAY WOMEN ONLY! Contact: The League...."

A few singles papers carried my message to Seattle, and to New York. But, in order to get any kind of announcement in the papers, I had to phrase the ad in this circumspect manner.

"FEMINIST SINGLES (CLUB)
For Feminist Women and Feminist Men.
Please, no one who is sexist!
For information write: Louise
c/o POB 21463, Seattle, Wa., 98111.

The response: 95% of the replies from males who wanted to meet the feminist women I might have reply to my ad; 5% women who were subliminally curious about what I meant by a "feminist-man".

Letters from the male applicants were uniformly good: I reproduce one here so you can understand a characteristic point of view.

Dear Louise,

HI! I was intrigued by your ad and decided to write. What is a feminist man?

I am a thirty year old male, not at all macho, and do like to please women, but find it difficult meeting the kind of woman I could be happy with. I am not into categorizing people by age, appearance or race. I do, however, prefer being around women who are independent, aggressive, and live their lives as they choose - not by the mores dictated by an outdated and slowly changing society. Unfortunately, (for me) this type of person is extremely rare, or - perhaps - I do not know where to find her.

Do you know of any woman who could be comfortable with a man who likes to cook (I am studying to become a chef), keep house, and in general - assume the role normally ascribed to the female of our species? I am a gentle, and caring male who wants to please a woman.

Sincerely, Lyn (Seattle)

After, some correspondence with the women on the dynamics of the program, the activity level dropped to about 1%!!

I believe that this small sample is highly indicative of our times. Men and women have been brought up to be strangers to each other. Polarization starts early, in our society! It continues late.

I despair for the credibility of the feminist movement. Surely, after all the consciousness raising, women can do better than this?

Dear Seahorse,

I received the "Equalitarian Feminist" last month and found it quite interesting. I am new to the bisexual scene and at the present time I am looking for friendships with both bi-men and bi-women, although I would like to develop relationships with more women (bi and gay) than men right now. Also, I would

like to evolve friendships which do not focus on the sexual aspects of a relationship but that have several other priorities which will place sex about #4 on the list... if that makes any sense?

I would appreciate your putting me in contact with people who like to DO things (not sit around at a party or bar and drink), who are open, happy and love life and living and want to share that with others.

Sincerely, Vicki, San Francisco.

AREA CONTACT WOMEN

The names listed below are our current roster of area contact women.

You may, of course,write directly to the woman nearest you. Do not expect a reply from the Contact Woman 1000 miles away. The key to this is local!

REVA MASON
Rt. # 4, Box 175 - X
Joplin, Mo., 64801.

LEE WALKER
3618 DeLeon Street,
Tampa, Fla., 33609.

If you have the time to write several other women, please send in your name as a CONTACT WOMAN for your area.

YOU may list your name here if you are:

1. FEMALE (genetic, that is). 2. A practicing bisexual.... interested in women as well as men. 3. Willing to have your name and address listed openly in the "Feminist". (You may use a nom de plume if you desire.. since I know many of you live in very small communities.)

WE HAVE the capability to do photos, in this journal. If you are an area contact woman, and wish others to know how you project your personality, you may submit your own photo, with a publication release. If possible, we will publish it.

VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OUR CONTACT WOMEN

I am married to a very good man, and our sexual life is great, but I also like to be with women, and enjoy making love to them, as well as having the love returned. Thanks to my husband, I can be very open about this, as he enjoys watching the hidden love I have come to the surface, yet he, as well as myself, are very respectful, of all people, at all times. We wish the same treatment from others, and no one should ever be hurt, in any way, shape, or form....

The personality of a woman means a lot to me, and I look forward to that, as my guide..... Last year I did meet one woman... who was also married, but her husband also understood her need, and enjoyed her receiving as well as giving.

...Bisexual freedom is a must in my life, and the lack of it, does get to me at times. I am a very sympathetic woman, as well as being VERY REAL. True, the bisexual world is truly a wonderful thing, and needs to be looked after with great care, and understanding. When you find yourself WITHOUT this treasured world, and all the beauty, love, kindness and understanding, that it holds, then, and only then, do you feel that life has lost a great part of its meaning. The equality for bisexual women is long overdue, as any truly bisexual woman knows. Love, and life go together, so let us all have both, as WE wish it to be. I do thank God that I AM understood, and only wish all people could be as lucky as myself.

I'm looking for one very certain, very special woman who feels the deep need to share her life with same..

SONG LYRICS by Marion Lee Walker
YOU WANT TO KNOW © 1976

You want to know just what I ask of you
But it's more what I give
I give a dam that you live.
Right there inside you there is a real soul
And it means so much to know
You'd lend a hand when I'm cold.

What can I say to you to show you I feel
I do... I'm real too

I didn't plan it out but I'm glad it's true
I've never known a thing so new
I can feel it ... can you?
Everyday it grows a little more
And in a way it hurts to grow
For there's a little more...
to leave...
when I...
go_

Lee Walker, guitarist, song writer, Sagittarius, 24, green eyes, photographer, interested in philosophy, religion, health, the past and the infinite.

NOTICE TO WOMEN WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR PANDORA's INTRODUCTION PROGRAM

Due to our recent radical staff reduction, we must terminate our efforts to help you meet others from here.

We have not left you in the lurch, however!

Ms. Douglas, of the GEMINI service is picking up all of you, and will be available to you as a direct correspondence service.

GEMINI has been is the business of helping people, in alternative lifestyles, get together for some time now. Ms. Douglas' service is reliable and personalized.

Each one of you has a credit now with GEMINI, for whatever amount you contributed to Pandora's program. If you still wish to be actively in the meeting loop, write directly to Sally, and keep active.

GEMINI has the staff to respond to this kind of activity... while we do not, at the present time.

Sorry for any inconvenience this change may cause you. (Or, if you wish, write us and we will refund your contribution to Pandora's program.)

Ms. Douglas is a pre-operative male-to-female transexual who has made great personal commitments to her selected feminine gender.

She has been a contributor to the bisexual movement from the early 60's, and is well known as a participant and author in the bisexual sexual liberation movement as well as the transgender movement.

She was the founder and first Director of the Salmacis Society (The male-feminist social society). After retiring from Salmacis, she began the Gemini Alternative Social register, assisted by her genetic female partner.

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ZIP 02173
Barbara, Lexington, Ma., Beautiful, 5'8" tall, 36, very sensual married woman seeks to meet a bisexual woman. One-to-one. Husband approves, does not require participation.

10017
Carla, New York City, divorced, 5'9" tall, 52; wishes to meet tall, dominant bi-feminist women over 30; Midtown NY.

10025
Nina, New York City, bi-sexual-hetero-sexual songwriter-musician, wishes to meet some one, of either sex. Hoping "it will happen naturally". Anyone 24 up, within 200 miles.

19143
Ahna, Philadelphia. Bi-women, 24, interested in friends, or lovers, in the city. Not monogamous; don't expect it from my lovers. Age no problem. Interested in gay, bi, or transexual women.

21117
Faith, Owings Mills, Md. Married woman, 26, wishes to meet women and couples 20-30; Balt., Wash., Phila.

20901
Paula, Silver Spring, Md., Married, 32, seeks bi-women to join her and her husband. Age unimportant.

60162
Mary, Hillside, Ill. Married woman 36, wishes to meet other bi-women and couples, 30-45, primarily during the day. Within 25 miles. May be interested in the right transexual person.

60181
Jackie, Villa Park, Ill. Married woman 25, interested in meeting women and feminists within 35 miles. Husband must be accepted as a friend.

60501
Michelle, Summit, Il. Single, bi-feminist, 30, long red hair, 40B-26-38, wishes to meet bi-sexual feminist women, transexuals, or bi-couples, to 50 years, within 500 miles.

60657
Harriet, Chicago. Single bi-woman, 25 wishes selective promiscuity with other women. Age unimportant.

61866
Susan, Rantoul, Il. Single, 24, wishes to meet someone for friendship and love. Within 300 miles. Interested in gay, bi or transexual women 21-32.

62656
Hazel, Lincoln, Il. Divorced, 42, wishes to meet bi-women & bi-men, 30-55, within 200 miles.

74145
Kay, Tulsa, Ok. Married woman, 32, seeks selective promiscuity with women and men. Within 100 miles. May also be interested in transexual persons.

90034
Stormy, West Los Angeles. Divorced, 27, wishes to meet feminist women and liberated men, 22-32, within 100 miles.

94123
Vicki, San Francisco. Emerging from a heterosexual existence, now seeking friendships with bi-women and bi-men. Single, 34, seeking a "pal" to do things with (jog,swim,fish,ride bikes, hike, dance) Will meet others 28-38, Bay area.

95240
Bernice, Lodi, Ca. Pretty, long haired feminine bisexual, 27, will meet bi or gay women, bi-couples, within 300 miles of Stockton. Can travel.

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Los Altos, Ca. Highly educated bi-feminist married woman, with husband's permission but not participation, wishes to meet a feminine, attractive refined woman mid- thirties. I am only interested in very feminine intelligent woman. I live in beautiful surroundings and invite you to join me there.
BOX13.

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Berkeley, Ca. Young pre-op male-to-female transexual wishes to find a woman who wants a feminine companion. Educated, pretty. I live entirely femme. My own hair and breasts. I am employed. Age no consideration.
BOX87.

Woodstock, NY. Employed feminist male wishes to find a woman who is forceful enough to lead. I enjoy being femme within reason, but I am not a transvestite. Age 35 to 55. Limited travel.
BOX 381.

Orinda, Ca. Mid thirties female transexual, now living almost entirely "butch" desires a feminist male friend. I like the outdoors, reading, and quiet times. Active in feminist commune.
BOX 76.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many of our readers have wanted to contribute to this issue; and we welcome their contributions. Without communication between us all, we all exist in an unhealthy vacuum.

It is only through the interchange of ideas and points of view that we can learn to bring out the best qualities that lie within ourselves.

Bisexuality, or open loving, is the key to the salvation of womankind... No amount of pressure from ignorant others should keep us from the inner knowledge that lies buried in each of us.

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